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SUBJ: CANADIAN-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS

1. CANADIAN EMBASSY GAVE US FOLLOWING HIGHLIGHTS OF MINIC VISIT TO CANADA SEPT 18-20. ON MULTILATERAL ISSUES IN ADDITION TO "ROUTINE" DISCUSSIONS MIDDLE EAST, CYPRUS, INDIAN OCEAN MINIC STRESSED POSITIVE OUTCOME OF UN SPECIAL SESSION AND PRAISED US FOR COMING FORWARD WITH POSITIVE PROPOSALS. HE SAID YUGOSLAVS SETTING UP SPECIAL WORKING GROUP TO MONITOR IMPLEMENTATION OF CSCE. AND HE ENCOURAGED CANADIANS TAKE MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN WORLD AFFAIRS (YUGOSLAV PRESS PRAISED CANADA FOR BEING AMONG MOST FORTHCOMING OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND CANADIAN EMBASSY HERE BELIEVES YUGOSLAVS INCREASINGLY VIEW CANADA IN ITS OWN RIGHT RATHER THAN AS MERELY APPENDAGE OF US).

2. ON BILATERAL QUESTIONS SUBSTANTIAL TIME DEVOTED EMIGRE-RELATED ISSUES. WHILE YUGOSLAVS DID NOT MAKE MAJOR POINT OF CROATIAN NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING IN
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TORONTO NOW THAT IT ACCOMPLISHED FACT, THEY CONTINUED

AFFIRM STRAINED LOGIC THAT SINCE MEETING NOT HELD ELSEWHERE EVERYONE HAD BANNED IT EXCEPT CANADA. MACEACHEN'S PUBLIC STATEMENT AGAINST TERRORIST-ORIENTED EMIGRES STRONGEST EVER MADE BY CANADIAN GOVERNMENT, "UNFORTUNATELY A SMALL GROUP OF MEN, TAKING ADVANTAGE OF CANADIAN LAWS, DISPLAYS A HOSTILE ACTIVITY AGAINST YUGOSLAVIA. MR. MINISTER I WISH TO CONVINCE YOU THAT THE CANADIAN GOVT NEITHER SUPPORTS NOR APPROVES THE OBJECTIVES OF THESE GROUPS, AND IS IN NO WAY PLEASED WITH THE FACT THAT CANADA'S TERRITORY IS USED FROM TIME TO TIME FOR MEETINGS OF THIS KIND. WE WILL CONTINUE DOING OUR BEST IN ACCORDANCE WITH CANADIAN LAWS TO PREVENT SUCH MEETINGS AND MAKE SURE THAT THE PERSONS IN QUESTION BECOME AWARE THAT THE CANADIAN GOVT LOOKS AT THEIR ACTIVITY WITH DISGUST." MACEACHEN ALSO MENTIONED TO MINIC THAT ISSUE OF EMIGRE TERRORISM RAISED IN CABINET AND HINTED THAT NEW LAWS WOULD BE CONSIDERED IF GAPS IN LEGISLATION UNCOVERED. AS A RESULT CANADIAN EMBASSY

HAS IMPRESSION YUGOSLAWS FOR FIRST TIME BELIEVE CANADIANS SERIOUS ABOUT DOING SOMETHING ON TERRORISM.

3. CANADIANS MADE DEMARCHE ON DUAL NATIONALS, WHERE THEY SHARE WITH US PROBLEMS LIKE CONSULAR ACCESS, TELLING MINIC THIS A "POLITICAL PROBLEM" FOR THEM. YUGOSLAWS RAISED AGAIN THEIR LONG-TERM REQUEST FOR VISA WAIVER AGREEMENT WHICH CANADIANS DECLINED--BECAUSE THEY WOULD HAVE EVEN LESS CONTROL OVER EMIGRES AND LOSE SOME LEVERAGE ON DUAL NATIONALS.

4. MINIC ASKED WHETHER CANADIANS INTERESTED IN RECEIVING YUGOSLAV "GUEST WORKERS". WHILE CANADIANS GAVE NO DEFINITIVE RESPONSE, ANSWER IS "NO". CANADIANS SEE YUGOSLAWS ATTEMPTING TO GAIN JURISDICTION AND GREATER POLITICAL INFLUENCE OVER YUGOSLAWS ABROAD AND THEY WANT NO PART OF THIS. IF YUGOSLAWS COME TO CANADA THEY WILL COME LIKE ANY OTHER IMMIGRANTS. CANADIAN EMBASSY SPECIFICALLY CRITICAL OF AUSTRALIAN CONCESSIONS IN THIS AREA.

5. MINIC PLACED GREAT EMPHASIS ON ECONOMIC RELATIONS, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND WAS UNHAPPY WITH CURRENT LEVEL OF CANADIAN-YUGOSLAV TRADE (YUGOSLAWS USE FIGURE OF \$60 MILLION FOR TWO-WAY TRADE BUT CANADIAN EMBASSY SAYS FIGURE CLOSER TO \$40 MILLION). CITING US-YUGOSLAV TRADE AS MODEL AND CLAIMING TWIN US-YUGOSLAV ECONOMIC CHAMBERS WORK WELL, YUGOSLAWS PROPOSED SIMILAR ARRANGEMENT. CANADIANS ONLY AGREED TO STUDY THIS PROPOSAL DESPITE YUGOSLAV PRESS CLAIM THAT THEY AGREED TO ESTABLISH. CANADIAN TRADE OFFICIALS

REPORTEDLY SCEPTICAL ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR IMPORTS OF YUGOSLAV GOODS REQUIRED BOTH TO BRING TRADE INTO BALANCE AND SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASE IT. HIGH-LEVEL CANADIAN TRADE MISSION ARRIVING BELGRADE THIS WEEK INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES FROM MINISTRY OF TRADE AND COMMERCE AND EXPORT DEVELOPMENT BANK.

6. COMMENT: CANADIAN-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS ON UPSWING. PART OF REASON CLEARLY CANADIAN EFFORTS TO REMOVE THEMSELVES FROM YUGOSLAV LIST OF THOSE COUNTRIES UNWILLING TO OPPOSE TERRORIST-INCLINED EMIGRE GROUPS. AUSTRALIANS SUCCEEDED IN CHANGING YUGOSLAV VIEW OF THEM, ACCORDING AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY HERE, PRIMARILY DUE TO STRONG PUBLIC STATEMENT BY PM WHITLAM SIMILAR TO ONE MADE BY MACEACHEN HAS NOW MADE. BELIEVE IT IS MAJOR IMPORTANCE TO US-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS THAT WE CONTINUE TO LOOK FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO REITERATE USG SUPPORT FOR INTEGRITY AND INDEPENDENCE OF YUGOSLAVIA, AS PRESIDENT FORD DID DURING HIS VISIT HERE, AND SPECIFICALLY OUR OPPOSITION TO TERRORIST-INCLINED GROUPS. SILBERMAN

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